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TO: Code Development Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: 2021 Code Development Cycle

It is time to begin the process of updating to the 2021 Virginia Codes. The Board of Housing and Community Development will meet on October 25, 2021 to consider Notices of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRAs) for the 2021 Code Development Cycle, as well as a couple of code development process improvements.

One of the process improvements that the Board will be considering for the 2021 code development cycle is limiting code change proposals to the proposed phase. The final phase of the process will be reserved for any necessary editorial corrections to the proposed regulations, so no additional workgroup meetings will be necessary during the final phase. Please plan to submit any code change proposals early this cycle, during the proposed phase, to ensure that they will be able to be discussed by the Workgroups and considered by the Board.

Study Groups on In-Building Emergency Communications, Residential Sprinklers and Active Shooter Barricades in Public Buildings, as well as Sub-Workgroups on Energy, Resiliency and Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) are expected to begin meeting this fall. Workgroup meetings to discuss individual proposals are expected to begin in early 2022.

We will continue utilizing the online code development system ([cdpVA](#)) to submit and track code change proposals and for posting important information related to the code development process, including meeting information. Effective October 1st, cdpVA officially opened for submission of code change proposals for the 2021 cycle, and we encourage everyone to regularly check cdpVA for the most up to date meeting information. Please be sure to use cdpVA as your primary source of information as all meeting information is tentative and may change as we go along.



Virginia is a national leader in the development of construction related codes, due primarily to the involvement of all stakeholder groups. Your input is essential to the success of Virginia's code development process. DHCD staff looks forward to working with all of you during this code development cycle!

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns. Email sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov or by phone 804-371-7150.

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Attachments

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